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"You can't imagine why any people should stay in a country like Finland, when there are whole continents half empty."

A lieutenant in the Russian army is paid about \$300 a year, a captain about \$500 and a major \$450. Kuropatkin is getting \$100,000.

Every man who has worried his hair out trying to borrow \$5 must lift his hat to Mrs. Chadwick, queen of high finance, with her \$13,000,000.

There are 44,000 hotels in the United States, representing an invested capital of over \$6,000,000,000. These establishments employ 3,500,000 persons.

Russia is wrestling with the problem of how many soldiers it takes to deprive 140,000,000 people of a desire for constitutional government.

Married women in Russia are paid 62½ cents a day and single men receive 12½ cents. There is every inducement in Russia to get married.

A Canadian minister shared his bed with a negro who had been refused hotel accommodations, and so far not a check or a gold watch has showed up.

A third Russian fleet is to start, or begin to prepare to start, some time during the latter part of February. Admiral Togo will endeavor to attend personally to its finish.

Miss Lillian A. Norton, connected with the superintendence of postal finance in Washington, receives a salary of \$2,250, the highest paid to any woman in the government service.

An Arkansas woman offers a reward of \$20 for the return of her missing husband, dead or alive. The neighbors who know the man say the alive part of the advertisement is a mere rhetorical flourish.

A scientist figures that the earthquakes of seven years exerted a force of 15,000,000 horse-power. It is strange that no promoter has started an earthquake syndicate in the motor line, capitalized at \$1 per horse-power.

Georgia's entomologist estimates that the state within a few years will contain more than 100,000,000 fruit trees. The peaches and melons of Georgia are favorites in all markets, and decidedly promote an era of good feeling.

A Japanese statistical pamphlet states that a Japanese may divorce his wife for talking too much. The latest annual figures show that, with fewer than 300,000 Japanese marriages reported in the year, there were more than 60,000 divorces.

A feature at the session of the Lancaster, Pa., teachers' institute last week, was an address by Representative H. Bord Cassel on the trials of a member of congress. Mr. Cassel said that in two years he had received and answered nearly 120,000 letters.

"For two cents I'll shoot the lot of you," said George Brekner to a party of children playing in the woods near Omaha, Neb. They showed signs of being frightened when they saw the bigger boy carrying a shotgun. As he spoke he raised the weapon to his shoulder, pulled the trigger, and Arlie Kuhn, 13 years old, fell dead.

It has been proven that very damp corn cribbed early in October will shrink 30 per cent. by February, while dry corn cribbed October 21 will shrink by the last of January 11 per cent. The loss in an entire year is 20 per cent. in one case and 9 per cent. in another. When first husked fully 25 per cent. of the weight lies in the cob. By spring less than 20 per cent of the weight of the ear is in the cob.

Japan's population reaches a total of at least 5,000,000 more than Great Britain. With Formosa and the other annexations the Japanese people numbered 46,500,000 six years ago, and they were then increasing at the rate of 500,000 a year. Japan has also some very big towns. Tokio has a population of about 1,500,000, Osaka between 800,000 and 900,000, and there are 20 others with a population of more than 50,000 each.

A Cleveland judge, commenting upon the "appalling" increase in the number of divorces, says two-thirds of the cases are due to early marriages. His theory is that the divorce courts are kept busy because so many young people marry before they are old enough to form sensible views of matrimony, and so he advises youths and maidens to "go slow." While the advice may be good, the judge's theory will not stand investigation. Brides and grooms are now a good deal older, on the average, than they were a few generations ago.

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THE WEEK'S NEWS TERSELY OUTLINED

An Epitome of the Most Important
Events at Home and Abroad
the Past Week.

CONGRESS' WORK IN NUTSHELL

Latest Developments in the Russo-Japanese War, Together With Items of Interest Called From the Important Happenings All Over the World.

CONGRESS.

The senate was duly sworn in as a court for the trial of the impeachment charges against Judge Swayne, of Florida, Chief Justice Fuller administering the oath. Senator Platt, of Connecticut, will preside at the trial.

Representative Clark, of Missouri, speaking in behalf of the District of Columbia school teachers, said that "more money was being paid Washington policemen to crack the skulls of people than was paid to school teachers to improve what was in the skulls."

The house committee on rivers and harbors have agreed on a bill providing for river and harbor work. The bill carries an aggregate appropriation of \$17,091,875, and authorizes expenditures for continuing contracts aggregating \$16,734,637.

The senate passed the army appropriation bill after modifying the provision concerning the assignment of retired army officers to active service with militia organizations. The effect of the change is to relieve Gen. Miles from its application.

The house passed the agricultural appropriation bill after a rather spirited debate on the free seed question, which one of the speakers characterized as "petit larceny."

THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

The press censor at St. Petersburg allowed a report to go through, on the night of the 27th inst., to the effect that Gen. Kuropatkin and Field Marshal Oyama were discussing terms for ending the war.

Gen. Kuropatkin reports a successful repulse of a Japanese attack on his right, followed by the capture of a fortified village, with a number of Japanese prisoners and guns.

Advices from Gen. Kuroki's headquarters in Manchuria say that the Russian artillery are feeling their entire line, probably in preparation for an attack at some point, but the weather is unpropitious.

After a period of inactivity since the fall of Port Arthur, a fresh start seems to have been taken in Manchuria. A dispatch from Gen. Kuroki's headquarters tells of vigorous cannonading on the Japanese left, where the Russians had crossed the Hun river, and the indications were that a sharp engagement was in progress.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The beginning of the impeachment trial of Judge Swayne, in the United States senate, has been set for February 12.

Fire at Havana, Cuba, gutted the Gomez building, containing 30 shops and cafes.

Health Officer Doty of the port of New York, found that the death of ten immigrants on board the Vadeland were due to pneumonia. The vessel was therefore released from quarantine.

A bill has been introduced in the Nebraska senate abolishing the death penalty, substituting life imprisonment.

Ferd. Walters, a gambler, shot and killed three men, wounded a fourth and then sent a bullet through his own brain in the saloon of M. M. Conn, at Nogales, Ariz. Conn was one of the victims.

A report comes from Pretoria, South Africa, of the finding, near there, of a white diamond, the largest of its kind ever mined. It weighs 3,032 carats and is valued at \$1,000,000. The find caused great excitement.

Two rioters were killed and seven wounded in a collision with troops on the streets of Warsaw.

At an anti-Russian demonstration in "Wonderland," in the east end of London, one of the speakers suggested to the audience that they "rid themselves of all emperors, thieves and other loafers."

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Er-Gov. Peabody, of Colorado, denies a published report that he intended to withdraw from the gubernatorial contest. He says: "You couldn't drive me out of this contest with a pack of bloodhounds."

There are grave fears of trouble at Ivanovo-Voznesensk, the foremost cotton goods manufacturing town in the Russian empire. Predictions are made that the ending of the strike will result in increased activity on the part of the revolutionists.

Samuel H. Piles, of Seattle, was elected United States senator by the Washington legislature on the thirteenth joint ballot.

An unprecedented snowfall is reported in the Klondike region, with bitterly cold weather. All the trails are impassable, the snow being drifted in some places 20 feet deep. Some loss of life is feared.

Many improbable stories continue to appear in the St. Petersburg dispatches of some of the London papers. All the more trustworthy journals, however, have begun to recognize that, for the time being, at least, the revolt has failed.

Through the efforts of Ambassador Powell Clayton, the bodies of the four Americans who were killed by Yaqui Indians near Cohachi, Sonora, have been sent to their relatives in the United States.

The department store of Bannan & Co., at St. Paul, Minn., was gutted by fire; loss, \$150,000.

Eighteen persons, all Mexicans but four, are reported to have been killed by Indians in the Yaqui country in Mexico within one week.

Seven hundred immigrants on the steamship Vadeland are held at Quarantine, New York, pending investigation of the cause of the death of ten during the passage across the Atlantic.

Charles L. Blandin, clerk in the auditor's office of the post office department, has been suspended pending his trial, in Missouri on the charge of accepting money in connection with the selection of sites for government buildings.

Mrs. Ida Perdue and her half brother, Hannibal Connors, charged with the killing of the husband of the former at Richmond, Mo., have been taken to Kansas City and placed in jail there in order to avoid a possible attempt at lynching.

Miss Eugenie Uhlrich, of Sioux City, Ia., who was recently placed under arrest at Limoges, France, on the charge of being a Russian spy, is reported dead in that city.

Miss Helen Frances Warren, daughter of Senator Warren, of Wyoming, and Capt. John J. Pershing, U. S. A., were married in Washington. President and Mrs. Roosevelt attended the wedding. The couple will be "at home" in Tokio, Japan, after March 1, where Capt. Pershing has been assigned to duty.

A company has been incorporated to build an interurban electric line from East St. Louis to Waterloo and Chester, Ill.

On account of fear of an outbreak of yellow fever, Gov. Davis of the isthmian canal zone, as an emergency measure, has taken full control of the sanitary work in Panama and Colon.

Thirty strikers were either killed or wounded at Riga, Russia, in an attempt to disarm the soldiers. The latter first fired volleys into the crowd and attacked them with their sabers.

Preston M. Wiggins, an election judge, was sentenced to jail for 90 days on his plea of guilty of fraudulent voting at the November election in Denver, Col.

Senator Culbertson, of Texas, was formally re-elected by the legislature in joint session.

Prof. Wolf, of Heidelberg, Germany, has discovered a new planet of the thirteenth magnitude.

Charles L. Freer, a wealthy citizen of Detroit, Mich., has offered to the Smithsonian institution at Washington, as a gift, a collection of curios valued at \$500,000.

Eitel Fritz, second son of the German emperor, is seriously ill, pneumonia having developed from a recently contracted cold. The emperor canceled his birthday celebrations.

Five firemen were injured by a falling wall at the Kips Bay brewery in New York. The men fought the fire for eight hours during one of the worst storms New York has known since the great blizzard of 1893.

The American legation at Panama announces one death and six cases of suspected yellow fever on board the cruiser Boston. The ship has been fumigated.

The governor general of St. Petersburg has issued a proclamation, in conjunction with the minister of finance, to the striking workmen, inviting them to return to work, and promising them, in the emperor's name, certain reforms.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The Legislature.

St. Louis physicians are deeply interested in the McIndoe bill, recently introduced, having as its object the suppression of the sale of cocaine, and are formulating plans to impress upon the legislature the necessity of adding to the statutes. Under the present laws cocaine is not classed as a poison, and the sale of the deadly narcotic is enormous. Physicians make the assertion that people using it are not confined to one class. The McIndoe bill provides that cocaine shall be sold only on the prescription of a physician, and that each prescription shall be filled but once.

Senator Peck, of Atchison county, has introduced in the senate a bill which seeks to prevent the operation of whiskey drug stores in the country, or "blind tigers," as they are designated. The bill would require that all druggists or clerks be required to stand an examination by the state board of pharmacy. As the law stands to-day, clerks are permitted to sell goods on prescriptions who are not qualified, and who hold no certificates showing they have passed an examination.

Senator Morton has introduced a bill making press associations common carriers, requiring them to receive corporation certificates from the secretary of state and to furnish news to all persons who apply for it and are willing to pay the rate at which it is furnished to subscribers.

Concurrent resolutions passed by the house provide for a commission to confer with the Kansas legislature on joint legislation for the regulation of stock yard rates at Kansas City.

The alum bill is repealed in a bill passed by the upper house of the general assembly.

Resolutions providing for the appointment of committees to confer with Kansas and Illinois committees relative to Kansas City and East St. Louis stock yards, were adopted by the senate after lively debate.

A bill has been introduced in the senate to abolish the St. Louis court of criminal correction and offices of prosecuting attorney and assistant, establishing instead a court of general sessions.

Separate coach legislation has been revived in the assembly by the introduction of a bill providing that all railroads shall furnish separate apartments for whites and blacks.

Senator Baumann has introduced a bill providing for a change in the pay of probate judges of all counties of 100,000 inhabitants or over. It provides that the probate judge shall turn over all fees to the school fund in excess of the salary of a circuit judge of that circuit and 10 per cent. of the fees. The present compensation of the probate judge of St. Louis is somewhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year.

Decrease of Fire Losses.

State Superintendent of Insurance Yates is compiling the annual statements of the fire insurance companies doing business in this state, which are now coming into his department. He states that an improved showing will be made for 1904. The preceding year the ratio of losses to premiums paid was about 50 per cent, while for the year just closed, for which returns are now coming in, the ratio will be about 35 per cent. or less. The reduction, Mr. Yates says, is largely in the three large cities, while for the state at large the percentage of losses to premiums paid remains practically the same.

Gave Life for Passengers.

John E. Yale, a motorman on the Kansas City & Independence electric line, was fatally crushed on his car when it crashed into a Missouri Pacific freight train at the Sheffield crossing. "I could have jumped, but I wanted to save my passengers," said Yale, as he was taken from the wreckage. He died in the ambulance on the way to his home. No one else was hurt.

Merchant Assaulted and Robbed.

P. E. Pourche, an elderly man, and proprietor of a country general merchandise store at Townsley's Mill, a small village three miles north of Malden, was assaulted in his store by an unidentified assailant and so severely injured that there is small hope of his recovery. The assailant made his escape after securing about \$200, which was in the money drawer.

Neuron's Master Is Dead.

After a two months' illness, John T. Geithaus, mayor of Macon, is dead. His last request was that the bell over the city hall should be tolled 50 times, thus designating his age.

Negro Gets Ten Years.

Gus Townsend, colored, who assaulted and robbed James Murray at Webster, St. Louis county, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, at Clayton.

Bad Example for Convicts.

Warden Matt Hall of the Missouri penitentiary has issued an order prohibiting guards smoking cigarettes. He says it is a bad example to set before convicts.

OVER HALF A MILLION LOSS

Saturday Night and Sunday's Fire
Hit Omaha Pretty Hard.

Upwards of Half a Million Dollars' Loss in the Wholesale District, but Well Insured.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 30.—The fire which started Saturday midnight in the wholesale district of this city was the most destructive in the history of Omaha. The total loss will exceed half a million dollars, at the most conservative estimate, and by some it has been placed considerably higher. A more disastrous conflagration was only prevented by the heroic efforts of the entire fire department of Omaha, which was reinforced by several engines, hose wagons and other equipment from South Omaha and Council Bluffs. Although Chief Hailer announced that the flames were under control at 2:20 a. m. they continued to menace adjoining buildings until after four. All the remainder of the night and all day Sunday a number of streams were kept pouring on the smoldering ruins. With zero temperature the water was quickly frozen and the naked walls of the burned buildings resemble huge ice castles. Outside firemen were dismissed early in the day.

A half block was burned over. The immense buildings contained great jobbing stocks, which is responsible for the enormous loss. The buildings themselves are valued at to exceed \$200,000 and were owned, respectively, by the Mercer and Millard estates. No definite figures have yet been obtained on insurance, but the stocks of goods were generally covered up to the 50 per cent. limit, although two or three small concerns were not so fortunate.

No serious accidents occurred, although ten firemen were blown from the Porter-Ryerson Chemical Co.'s building by an explosion. None were seriously injured.

WHERE IS JOHANN HOCH?

Numerous Clues Furnished to the Police, but They Don't Seem to Get Their Man.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Information as to the probable whereabouts of Johann Hoch, the German who is said to have had a new wife for every month in the year and who is wanted in Chicago on a charge of wife murder, is being received from all parts of the country. The best clue came from New York, where a man answering Hoch's description applied for transportation at the offices of German steamship lines. No Chicago detective has been sent to New York, but the New York authorities have been requested to watch all the eastern ports to prevent the escape of the alleged bigamist, should he attempt to return to his native country.

GIVEN A PRETTY HARD JOLT

Desperado Vaughan Convicted Under the Habitual Criminal Act at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Harry H. Vaughn, an member of the Morris gang of bandits, who was on trial on the habitual criminal charge, was sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary.

Vaughan was proven by witnesses, who testified at his trial, to have been an associate and roommate of Bruce Morris, the desperate bandit who killed Detectives Dwyer, Shea and McCluskey and who was himself killed, as was his other "pal," Al Rosenbaur, in the memorable battle to death in the house at 1224 Pine street, on October 21 last.

TO WED ANOTHER FORTUNE

A Well-Known Young Man at Kansas City Announces He Will Wed a Cherokee Girl.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 30.—W. W. Winstanley, a well known young man here, announces that he will be married February 1, to Erin Murray, daughter of a wealthy half-blood Cherokee Indian of Erin Springs, I. T.

He said the girl's father would present him with a check for \$100,000 the day of the marriage and they will take a foreign tour.

Winstanley has spent a fortune inherited from Ireland, in the last two years.

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